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Attachments: OSTJointLettertoBLM&EPA.pdf; RE: My call with BLM ~ Attorney-Client Privilege ~

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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We need to discuss how to answer Councilwoman White Horse's questions.

Thanks!

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Hello,

Jennifer Spotted Bear asked me to put together the attached proposed agenda based on the afternoon session in the Jun 24 agenda OST sent to EPA (also attached). I added proposed times to help keep us on track. My understanding is we are hearing from OST Council and leaders on this list of topics.

I provided 10 minutes for opening EPA remarks so Darcy can deliver some talking points, particularly in response to Cora White Horse, OST Councilwoman from the Lacreek District.

Her remarks at the end of the Aug 28 call were:

Cora: A few questions need to be answered:

Hoping BLM will be there.

Tribe has consistently disapproved this project.

Even with all these permit requirements, groundwater contamination can still occur. What happens if it does?

Who is responsible for clean up?

Who deals with people that are affected?

Does the Tribe's opposition make any difference to EPA? Is anyone listening to our input? We have no guarantee we won't be affected.

She hopes someone will be at the next meeting to answer these questions.

(Does anyone else have notes from the Aug 28 call to verify that I captured her points correctly?)

Mike also raised the issue about when do we tell the Tribe we are adopting the NRC PA: As a courtesy, it should be before we issue the final permit.

I will put together some proposed talking points to address these issues, send them out for review and schedule a prep meeting soon.

Thanks!



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